countries. Simultaneously renewed efforts are being made for economic development of the region. As to political reconciliation the policy of the Government has been to encourage all groups to join the national mainstream provided they abjure violence and agree to work within the framework of the Constitution.

(c) After the visit of the Union Home Secretary to Bangladesh in October, 1993 a Joint Working Group has been set up to examine in depth matters of mutual concern including matters relating to support and assistance being received by Indian insurgent groups from within the territory of Bangladesh. The first meeting of the Joint Working Group was held from 29-30 March, 1994 in New Delhi. Government have strongly urged Pakistan on several occasions and at all levels to stop its support to subversion and terrorism. Government have also apprised the international community of the dangers inherent in the support extended by Pakistan to terrorism. Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to counter, support to terrorism from any source and to safeguard the unity and integrity of the nation.

(d) Eruption, continuance and sustenance of insurgency/extremism in some States of North East Region could be attributed to a multiplicity of complex inter-linked factors which are among others historical, social, economic, political etc. Such extremists elements have also received support from outside forces inimical to India's stability.

Tibetan Refugees in the Country

*256. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Tibetan refugees presently in the country;

(b) what steps are being taken for their relief and rehabilitation;

(c) what are the problems encountered in their relief and rehabilitation; and

(d) whta is the annual expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. HAVAN): (a) to (d) There are about 80,000 Tibetan Refugees presently in the country. Government of India has provided them relief and rehabilitation assistance for their resettlement in different States under various agricultura and handicraft schemes. No major problems have been encountered. The expenditure incurred on relief and rehabilitation of Tibetan Refugees, during the last three years, is as follows:—

Year	Amount relead
1991-92	Rs. 79.94 lakhs
1992-93	Rs. 20 72 lakhs
1993-94	Rs. NIL

Meeting of Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States

*257. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Chief Ministers of the North-Eastern States was called recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed thercin and the steps proposed to be taken to ease the situation in the area?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A meeting was held with the Governor of Manipur and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States on 19th July, 1994 at Delhi. The subjects discussed were:—

(i) Liberalisation of the present permit regime.

(ii) Steps to control insurgency.

(iii) Financial discipline.